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AID/NESA - MR. NOOTER

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FUND

FOR ATHERTON FROM SOBER/NOOTER

1. WE UNDERSTAND THAT ACTION MEMO (SS NO. 7509432) ON MIDEAST SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FUND (MESRF) WAS TAKEN ON PLANE FOR SECRETARY'S DECISION. MEMO RECOMMENDS DOLS TEN MILLION FROM MESRF FOR PROJECTS IN JORDAN, WITH REMAINING DOLS 58.0MILLION TO GO TO SYRIA.

2. WOULD APPRECIATE ANYTHING YOU CAN DO TO OBTAIN EARLY DECISION. SINCE USAGE OF MESRF MUST BE NOTIFIED TO CONGRESS 30 DAYS IN ADVANCE OF OBLIGATION, IT IS URGENT THAT DIVISION OF FUNDS BE APPROVED SO WE CAN NOTIFY CONGRESS EARLY ENOUGH TO LEAVE TIME IN LATE JUNE FOR NEGOTIATION OF AGREEMENTS. BELIEVE WE SHOULD HAVE AT LEAST TEN DAYS FOR NEGOTIATIONS WITH SYRIANS, WHICH MEANS WE WOULD HAVE TO NOTIFY CONGRESS
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